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An Offering of American Numismatic Rarities

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Over a period of many years, since 1953 in fact, it has been our pleasure to have offered for sale many important collections and great rarities. Indeed, virtually every United States coin rarity in the book has passed through our hands — and this includes pattern issues of 1792, the 1913 Liberty head nickel, several 1894-S dimes, a number of 1876-CC twenty-cent pieces, 1838-O half dollars, 1804 silver dollars and MCMVII Extremely High-Relief double eagles, not to overlook important American colonial issues, paper money rarities, and so on.

Indeed, the fame accorded to a collection is often dependent upon the rarities it contains. And, unquestionably, there is a magnificent pride of ownership when you possess the "rarest of the rare," the "finest of the fine."

In the pages to follow we have selected a number of important United States coins; pieces which are important for their rarity, condition, design, appearance, or a combination of these factors. Any one of the coins will be a centerpiece in the set or collection in which it is placed.

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Gem Proof 1873 2-Cent Piece



1873 2-Cents. Gem Brilliant Proof-67.

This specimen, the variety with closed 3 in the date, is one of just about 600 believed coined in 1873. This style is designated as the *original* issue.

Apart from its rarity in Proof condition, the 1873 is distinguished by the fact that it is the only date in the 1864-1873 series which was struck only in Proof grade; that is, no specimens like this were struck for circulation. As such, it has always been a prime rarity.

The specimen offered here is a beautiful light golden color and certainly is one of the finest in existence. \$6,995.

Choice Proof 1877 3-Cent Piece



1877 Nickel 3-Cent Piece. Choice Brilliant Proof-65.

In the entire nickel 3-cent series extending from the first year of issue, 1865, to the last, 1889, there is one date which is distinguished for its rarity: 1877. Although *A Guide Book of United States Coins* does not assign a mintage figure to this piece, it is known to be a Proof-only issue (no examples were made for circulation), and estimates have been published from time to time that only about 500 were minted.

There are Proofs and there are Proofs, as the saying goes, but only occasionally does one of this superb quality present itself. The example offered here is a cameo and will represent a superb addition to any collection. Available for \$5,995.

Outstanding 1800 Half Dime



1800 Half dime. AU-50.

In 1800 the half dime was redesigned. For the first time there appeared the draped bust motif on the obverse and the heraldic eagle design on the reverse. It turned out that this design was shortlived and was used only through 1805. As such, it is highly important to type set collectors today.

The example offered here represents the first year of the new design. The condition is AU-50. The striking is excellent, the centering is far above average, and the overall aspect is most pleasing. It is truly a superb example of this design. Available for \$7,500.

Uncirculated "LIBEKTY" Half Dime



1800 LIBEKTY half dime. Select Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-63.

The specimen offered here is of the draped bust design with heraldic eagle reverse — a new design representing a departure from that used in earlier years. This design was continued through 1805, after which point it was abandoned.

When viewed carefully the word LIBERTY appears to read LIBEKTY, due to a flaw in the top part of the fifth letter. This has always been one of the most popular varieties of the series.

The coin is superbly struck and shows all detail excellently. It is well centered and has a pleasing brilliant color just beginning to tone a light golden hue. A tiny lint mark at the eighth star is hardly noticeable and serves to identify this particular specimen.

If you are seeking a *superb* half dime for a type set, your search ends here. Available for \$20,500.



Gem Uncirculated 1837 Liberty Seated Half Dime



1837 Liberty seated half dime. No stars. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

In 1837 one of the most beautiful designs of the half dime series appeared: Christian Gobrecht's motif with Liberty seated on the obverse and without surrounding stars. This particular design, which was used only in Philadelphia in 1837 and in New Orleans in 1838, has a cameo-like appearance and is one of the most aesthetically pleasing in all of numismatics.

The coin offered here is a Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67 piece with light golden toning. You can search long and you can range widely, but we doubt if you will ever find a specimen superior to this one. If you are looking for the finest, this is it. \$7,500.

Choice Uncirculated 1921-D Mercury Dime



1921-D Dime. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65. Full bands.

In the Mercury dime series from 1916-1945 one issue is distinguished by its low mintage: the 1921-D. Only 1,080,000 were coined. Very few Uncirculated examples were saved at the time of issue, for it was not until the late 1930s that collecting by mintmark variety became truly popular.

The specimen offered here is truly superb in every respect, it is perfectly centered, perfectly struck, and fully frosty and brilliant, save for a very light hint of natural toning. Truly it is an item for the connoisseur. \$7,250.

Famous 1796 Quarter



1796 Quarter dollar. Very Fine-20.

The 1796 quarter has long been considered one of America's most elusive and most popular type coins. Examples of the draped bust design with small eagle reverse were struck in this year, 1796, so any type set collector must have an example to achieve completion.

The specimen offered here is a pleasing Very Fine-20, well struck with medium gray surfaces. It represents an excellent compromise between low price and high condition. We rate it as one of the best buys in the present offering. \$12,500.

Choice Uncirculated 1825 Quarter



1825 Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

An 1825 quarter with 5 over a previous 4, an overdate. The capped bust type large size, as minted from 1815 through 1828 inclusive. The present specimen is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65. A glass reveals some evidence of contact on the very highest parts, but as the fields are fully and deeply frosty this is attributed to coin-to-coin handling in the original bag. Covering the obverse and reverse is a beautiful light golden toning. The centering is superb, the striking is perfect. Certainly this is one of the very finest known examples of this elusive early issue. Available for \$7,500.

Superb Uncirculated 1849 Quarter



1849 Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1849 Liberty seated quarter. Style with stars on the obverse and without motto on the reverse as minted from 1838 through 1865, with the exception of 1853-1855.

Of all early American silver coins, among the most elusive in Uncirculated grade are issues of the 1840s. This holds true whether the coins be half dimes, dimes, quarters, half dollars, or dollars. Particularly rare in our experience are two denominations: quarters and silver dollars. The 1849 quarter offered here is unsurpassed in its quality. The striking is deep and sharp, the centering is perfect, and the piece has fully frosty fields. Here is an item which the advanced collector will truly appreciate. As with the other rarities offered here a telephone is recommended to reserve it! \$6,995.

Choice Uncirculated 1861 Quarter Dollar



1861 Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1861 Liberty seated quarter. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65. Sharply struck, perfectly centered, and with full mint frost. Light golden and iridescent blue toning is just beginning to form in the borders. An important Civil War year coin. Quite rare in this truly *superb* state of preservation. \$6,995.

Outstanding 1874-S With Arrows Quarter



1874-S Arrows at date. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1874-S Liberty seated quarter with arrows at date, the style used only in 1873 and 1874. Motto on reverse. San Francisco Mint issue.

The piece offered is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65, with just a whisper of light golden toning. We doubt if a finer example exists anywhere. While we cannot prove it, we suspect that this comes from a small group of 1874-S quarters which we advertised about 20 years ago and which sold almost immediately, with many collectors being disappointed when we were sold out. The quality of that group, just a few dozen pieces, was breathtaking leading us to believe that this may be one of them.

A very important find for the numismatic connoisseur or the type set collector. Available for \$7,500.

Gem Proof 1888 Quarter



1888 Gem Brilliant Proof-67.

1888 Gem Brilliant Proof-67. A virtually flawless example of this scarce issue. Only 832 Proof quarters were struck this year, while during the same period 10,001 business strikes were made. The rarity of business strikes has put a price and demand pressure on the Proofs, giving this date exceptional importance. The coin offered here is certainly one of the very finest in existence. Another item for the connoisseur. \$5,995.



Gem Uncirculated 1913 Quarter



1913 Barber quarter. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

A breathtakingly superb specimen of this, the most desirable Philadelphia Mint regular issue Barber quarter. Specimens in MS-63 or MS-65 grade are rarities; specimens in MS-67 preservation are virtually unheard of. The piece offered here is fully frosty and brilliant with a light iridescent natural gray toning. Still another item for the collector who wants the very finest. \$7,995

Choice Uncirculated 1913-S Barber Quarter



1913-S Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

The 1913-S is perhaps the most famous of all Barber quarters. With a mintage of 40,000, it is far and away the rarest date, surpassing even the 1901-S (mintage: 72,664) and the 1896-S (mintage: 188,039). As might be expected, examples are elusive in any state of preservation. The example offered here is superb Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, fully frosty, with a few natural toning flecks (which could be easily removed if desired, but which we would leave just as they are). Here is a nice example of the "rarest of the rare" within this series. A telephone call is recommended to reserve it! This coin is available for \$15,995.

Choice Uncirculated 1916 Liberty Standing Quarter



1916 Liberty standing quarter. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

Here is a dazzling, beautiful coin — the most famous issue in the 1916-1930 Liberty standing series in virtually the finest known condition, Choice Uncirculated, MS-65! In addition the piece is well struck. The fully frosty surfaces, with just a whisper of light natural gold toning, make this a true showpiece. Just 52,000 examples were minted, making it far and away the rarest issue of its design... \$8,500.

Choice Uncirculated 1863 Half Dollar



1863 Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1863 Liberty seated dollar, an issue struck during the Civil War conflict. During this time specie payments were suspended, and most silver coins were melted or exported. Only a relatively few have survived.

The example offered here is sharply struck, fully frosty and is desirable in every way. It is ideal to illustrate the 1839-1865 Liberty seated design without motto for inclusion in a type set. Another item the quality-conscious collector will appreciate. Available at \$6,995.



Choice 1873 With Arrows Half Dollar



1873 Liberty seated half dollar with arrows at date. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65, prooflike.

Liberty seated half dollars with motto on reverse and with arrows at date were struck only in two years: 1873 and 1874. As the mintage was limited, these are highly prized by collectors today. The example offered here is a superb business strike with prooflike surfaces and light gray toning. It truly is one of the finest we have ever seen. A prize for the type set collector or for the collector who appreciates coins desirable and rare. \$7,500.

Gem 1902-S Half Dollar



1902-S Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

A 1902-S Barber half dollar. San Francisco Mint issue. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67, with light golden and iridescent toning, particularly on the obverse. A stunningly beautiful example of this rare mintmarked issue. Very, very few were saved at the time of release, with the result that probably no more than a half dozen or so exist today in condition equal to the one offered here. A rare prize for the collector who demands the very finest. \$6,500.

Choice Uncirculated 1912 Half Dollar



1912 Half dollar. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1912 Barber half dollar. Philadelphia Mint date. Not one of the rarest dates, but not one of the most plentiful either. The main feature of this coin is its outstanding condition. It is a beautiful Choice Brilliant Uncirculated piece graded strictly (as we endeavor to do here). Comparatively, you will probably find that examples which are so frequently offered as MS-67 elsewhere do not even equal the present coin.

Apropos of the preceding statement, we urge you to do "comparison shopping" when viewing prices, as published prices are completely meaningless unless the coins are examined to be sure if they are graded correctly. If, for example, a coin advertised elsewhere as "MS-65" is no better than MS-60, then it is hardly a bargain. In the many years we have done business, over a quarter of a century of experience, we have never — repeat, never — had a single client who found that he or she could consistently obtain better values at another location. Bowers & Ruddy Galleries' unequalled inventory, sales volume, and knowledge of coins combines to equal a rapid turnover rate and efficiency of operation which results in a lower overhead and lower markup per coin. The savings are passed on to you. And, you will appreciate our careful, accurate grading. Grading is important when time comes for you to sell, so take note of it now.

This 1912 half dollar, one of the nicest we have seen of this issue would be an ideal addition to a type set. Available for \$5 000.



Sharp 1923-S Half Dollar



1923-S Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65. Sharply struck.

As specialists in the Liberty walking series know, 1923-S is notorious for being weakly struck. Most examples are very flat. The present example, while not needle-sharp (we have never seen one that was) is certainly far, far above average in its striking condition and is one of the very nicest we have ever seen. The coin is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65, and is fully frosty with light golden toning. An outstanding example of this very elusive date. A rare prize for the specialist. Available at \$8,995.

1928-S Choice Uncirculated Half Dollar



1928-S Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65. Sharply struck.

1928-S Liberty walking half dollar. One of the later issues of the 1920s, and an issue which is characteristically weakly struck. The present example is a happy exception and is fairly sharp overall. The surfaces are fully frosty with just a whisper of light natural toning. A truly *superb* coin worthy of inclusion in the collection of the most demanding numismatist. A rare, rare prize. \$8,500.

Choice Proof 1867 Silver Dollar



1867 Choice Proof-65.

1867 Liberty seated silver dollar. Variety with motto on reverse as minted from 1866 through 1873 inclusive. Choice Proof-65. A piece which is virtually flawless and which is one of the very finest in existence. The surfaces have beautiful light lilac and iridescent hues. Of the 625 Proofs struck we doubt if more than a dozen exist today in condition equal to the one offered here. An item which the connoisseur will appreciate. Again, a telephone call is recommended to reserve it! Available for the price of \$7,995.

Choice Proof 1884 Morgan Dollar



1884 Choice Brilliant Proof-65.

1884 Morgan dollar. Choice Brilliant Proof-65 with light golden and iridescent toning. A truly superb example. Just 875 Proofs were coined and it is doubtful if more than a dozen or two survive in condition equal to the present piece. A truly superb specimen which the silver dollar collector or connoisseur will appreciate. Available for \$6,995.

Uncirculated 1884-S Dollar



1884-S Select Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-63. Sharply struck.

1884-S San Francisco Mint silver dollar. One of the more elusive San Francisco Mint issues. Sharply struck and fully frosty. A very desirable example of this highly-prized issue. A real "buy" for the silver dollar specialist. Available for \$9,950.

Choice Uncirculated 1896-O Silver Dollar



1896-O Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65. Sharply struck.

1896-O New Orleans Mint dollar. One of the most desirable of all New Orleans issues. The present example is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65, with some claims particularly on the reverse, to an even higher grade. Unlike many New Orleans dollars it is sharply struck on the reverse. Fully and deeply frosty. Another prize for the silver dollar specialist. \$7,995.

Choice Proof 1897 Morgan Dollar



1897 Choice Brilliant Proof-65.

1897 Morgan dollar. Choice Brilliant Proof-65. Virtual perfection in a Morgan dollar. And, 1897 is one of the scarcer dates in Proof grade. Just 731 were minted. We doubt if more than 20 survive today in equally outstanding condition. Another gem coin, a breathtaking piece for the connoisseur. \$8,500.

Choice Uncirculated 1901 Dollar



1901 Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1901 Choice Uncirculated, MS-65. Brilliant surfaces beginning to tone to light lilac and magenta. A sharply struck and very beautiful coin from an old-time collection. 1901 has been traditionally considered to be one of the rarer Philadelphia Mint business strike issues. The example offered here is particularly nice and has numerous claims to MS-67. \$7,500.

Gem Proof 1901 Dollar



1901 Morgan dollar. Gem Brilliant Proof-67.

1901 in business strike form is one of the most important dollars. This fact has placed a tremendous pressure on the few Proofs which survived. Just 813 Proofs were made and of this number no more than a dozen or two exist today in Proof-67 preservation. This is one of them. A rare, rare coin is this grade! \$9,995.

Outstanding 1873-S Trade Dollar



1873-S Trade dollar. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1873-S Trade dollar. First year of issue of the Trade dollar design, a motif which was continued through 1885. The present example is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated MS-65, and has a minimum of contact marks. The fields are deeply frosted. The entire piece is toned a very light golden color. We have never seen a finer 1873-S Trade dollar and doubt if one exists. These are exceedingly rare, as few if any collectors desired to save them at the time of issue, and all or nearly all were exported to the Orient. A rare, rare (in this condition) prize for the specialist. Available for . . \$5,995.

Incredible Choice Uncirculated 1877-CC Trade Dollar



1877-CC Trade dollar. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1877-CC is one of the rarest of all Trade dollar issues. Specimens are elusive in all grades. The coin offered here is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65, and has just a very, very few marks in the fields. The surfaces are with a satiny finish, almost as if the piece had been struck for presentation. Never have we ever seen a finer example and we doubt if a finer one exists. A rare, rare prize! \$5,995.

Choice Proof 1880 Trade Dollar



1880 Trade dollar. Choice Proof-65.

1880 Trade dollar. Rare Proof-only date. No specimens were struck for circulation this year. The presently-offered coin is a Choice Proof-65 coin with just a hint of light golden toning beginning to form around the borders. We have never seen a finer 1880 Trade dollar and doubt if another one exists. An item which the connoisseur will want to telephone to reserve! Quality such as this is virtually priceless. Available at \$6,995.

Choice Uncirculated 1900 Lafayette Dollar



1900 Lafayette commemorative dollar. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1900 Lafayette silver dollar, the only United States commemorative coin of this design. The obverse features the busts of Washington and Lafayette. The reverse shows an equestrian statue. Although dated 1900, the specimens were struck from several different dies (varieties exist today) in December 1899. Originally examples were sold for two dollars each, but distribution was not as successful as hoped, so a number of them were melted in 1918.

Today the Lafayette dollar is extremely rare in Choice Uncirculated condition. The specimen offered here is fully brilliant and frosty and is one of the nicest we have seen in recent times. \$7,500.

Choice Uncirculated 1851 Gold Dollar



1851 Gold dollar. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

1851 Liberty head gold dollar. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65. While the 1851 gold dollar is not rare as a date, in this outstanding condition it is indeed elusive. Very, very few gold dollars have survived in such *extraordinary* preservation. A rare, rare prize for the connoisseur. \$6,500.

Gem Uncirculated 1862 Gold Dollar



1862 Gold dollar. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

1862 Gold dollar. The Type III design as minted from 1856 through 1889 inclusive. The specimen offered here is of extraordinary quality and is valuable for that reason alone. The surfaces are deep yellow-orange gold with a light hint of toning on the obverse border. A piece which has never been cleaned or mishandled. Rare so fine! \$5,500.

Gem Uncirculated 1881 Gold Dollar



1881 Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

The 1881 gold dollar is one of the rarest of all 19th-century American gold coins from a mintage viewpoint. Just 7,707 were made altogether, and of this number a relatively low amount survive today. The present example is virtually unsurpassable in quality and should attract the attention of advanced gold specialists. Considering this quality, the price is reasonable at just \$6,500.

Choice Proof 1888 Gold Dollar



1888 Choice Brilliant Proof-65 gold dollar.

1888 Gold dollar. Choice Brilliant Proof-65. A virtually flawless example of this very elusive issue. We have never seen a finer specimen and doubt if a finer one exists. Another rare prize for the gold specialist. Gold Proofs of any issue are great rarities, and even rarer are any which can be fairly described as Choice Proof. Available at\$12,500.

Select Proof 1891 Quarter Eagle



1891 Select Brilliant Proof-63 quarter eagle.

1891 Proof quarter eagle. One of just 80 specimens minted. Select Brilliant Proof-63. A truly beautiful example of this classic rarity. Only a handful survive today in condition equal to this. First check gets it!\$8,500.

Select Uncirculated 1911-D Quarter Eagle



1911-D Quarter eagle. Select Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-63.

1911-D has always been the most famous date of the 1908-1929 Indian head series, with no contenders coming even close. Only rarely does a Select Brilliant Uncirculated specimen go on the market, and here is such a rare instance. The piece is well struck, fully frosty, and is beautiful in all respects. Another item which the condition-conscious collector will appreciate.\$12,500.

Gem Proof 1884 \$3



1884 \$3 Gem Proof-67.

1884 \$3 gold piece. Gem Brilliant Proof-67. A superb and virtually flawless example of this, one of the very rarest of all \$3 gold pieces. Just 106 Proofs plus 1,000 business strikes were minted, making this one of the most elusive of all 19th-century gold issues. Just a handful of pieces can survive today in condition equal to the present piece, and even this estimate may be liberal. A rare and beautiful coin! Available at \$32,500.

Select Uncirculated 1885-CC Double Eagle



1885-CC Select Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-63 double eagle.

Carson City Mint double eagles are very rarely seen in Uncirculated grade, particularly above MS-60, simply because no one to our knowledge collected these by mintmarks at the time of issue. The coins were struck under relatively primitive circumstances using high-speed presses, dumped into bags, counted and weighed, and then shipped to storage, all of which tended to inflict marks on them. The present example, graded by us as MS-63 and probably worthy of being called MS-65 if one stretches just a little, one of the nicest we have seen in recent times. A prize for the double eagle specialist. \$7,500.

Gem Uncirculated MCMVII Double Eagle



1907 MCMVII High-Relief double eagle. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

The 1907 double eagle with roman numeral date, MCMVII, has been considered by many to be the most beautiful of all regular issue United States coin designs. Indeed, the piece was prepared by one of America's foremost artists and sculptors, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, a resident of Cornish, New Hampshire, who was specifically commissioned by President Theodore Roosevelt to improve the designs on America's coinage. After lengthy correspondence and many experiments, the result was the high-relief design shown here.

From the standpoint of coinage production there were problems, as the extremely high relief, almost a sculptured effect, made it necessary to strike each piece three times on the coining press — an obviously unacceptable procedure for high speed coinage. So, after just 11,250 were minted the design was radically changed to a low relief and to the Arabic date.

The example offered here is one of the most beautiful we have ever seen. It has a wire rim and is in Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67 grade. A truly beautiful example of this classic issue! \$29,995.

Choice Uncirculated MCMVII High-Relief Double Eagle



MCMVII (1907) High-Relief double eagle. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

Another specimen of this beautiful coin. The variety is the same as the preceding with wire rim. This example is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65 and is fully sharp and frosty. Another prize piece for the connoisseur or for inclusion in a top grade collection. \$24,995.

Gem 1905 Lewis & Clark Gold Dollar



1905 Lewis & Clark gold dollar. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

Of all of the commemorative gold dollars, it has been our experience that the Lewis & Clark issues are the most elusive. The reason for this is that they were mainly sold to people who visited the exposition. Relatively few went into the hands of numismatists. Today, specimens in higher grades are exceedingly rare, although catalogues and price lists do not necessarily reflect this, as most research is done by simply analyzing mintage figures (which tell only part of the story).

A true rarity in this outstanding condition. \$5,500.

Gem 1922 Grant Gold Dollar



1922 Grant Gold Dollar. Without Star. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

A commemorative gold dollar issue, of which just 5,000 were minted, sold in 1922 as part of the Grant Memorial Program. The obverse shows President Grant. The reverse shows the log cabin where he spent his youth.

The present example is outstanding for its superb condition. It is virtually flawless! \$4,500.

Choice 1915-S Panama-Pacific Quarter Eagle



1915-S Panama-Pacific International Exposition quarter eagle. Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65.

Issued in 1915 and struck at the San Francisco Mint for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, held that year to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal and the rebirth of the city of San Francisco (following the 1906 fire). The coin is the work of designers Charles E. Barber and George T. Morgan. This example is in remarkable condition and will be right at home in a top quality set. \$9,500.

Gem Uncirculated 1915-S Panama-Pacific Quarter Eagle



1915-S Panama-Pacific International Exposition quarter eagle. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

Another superb specimen of the design described earlier. Just 6,749 were minted, of which probably no more than a few hundred survive today in MS-67, or nearly flawless grade. This specimen is one of them. An item for the collector who demands the finest! \$11,500.

Gem 1915-S Panama-Pacific Half Dollar



1915-S Panama-Pacific International Exposition commemorative half dollar. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

A sharply struck example of one of the rarest issues in the commemorative half dollar series. While 27,134 were issued, most of these went into the hands of people who were not numismatists with the result that specimens which were nearly flawless are exceedingly rare today. The coin offered here is one of the very finest which has ever passed through our hands. \$9,950.

Toned Uncirculated 1915-S Panama-Pacific Half Dollar



1915-S Panama-Pacific International Exposition half dollar. Choice Uncirculated, MS-65. Gray and golden iridescent toning.

A very attractive specimen of this popular commemorative half dollar issue. This coin, from an old-time collection, is of a quality rarely seen in today's market. Beautiful and rare! \$8,695.

Gem 1915-S Panama-Pacific \$50 Octagonal "Slug"



1915-S Panama-Pacific International Exposition Octagonal gold \$50 slug. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-67.

A breathtakingly superb specimen of one of the most impressive and beautiful of all American commemorative coins, and the only octagonal \$50 gold piece ever officially issued by a United States Mint and sold to the public. (Although a case can be made in this direction for the U.S. Assay Office of Gold which operated in San Francisco during the mid-19th century.)

Just 645 examples were made, of which very, very few survived today in top grade due to the weight and susceptibility to mishandling of this huge piece. We have never seen a finer one than that offered here. A prize coin which is worthy of a telephone call to reserve! \$55,000.

Beautiful 1873 Proof Set



1873 United States Proof Set, complete from the Indian cent through the silver dollar.

This set, a group of 14 coins representing the largest number of pieces included in a copper, nickel, and silver Proof set issued by the United States government, is a beautiful show piece. The individual pieces average Choice Proof-65 or better grade, with the exception of the half dime, which, for some reason, is a Choice Uncirculated (not Proof) piece and which probably should be replaced

by the next owner.

The set includes the Indian cent, two-cent piece with closed 3 in date (original), nickel three-cent piece, silver three-cent piece half dime dime without arrows dime with arrows quarter without arrows, quarter with arrows half dollar without arrows, half dollar with arrows silver dollar and trade dollar. The entire set is housed in a beautiful plastic holder. A rare, rare, showpiece! . . . \$30 000

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